

REMARKS

Claims 2-4 are pending in the present application. Claims 2-4 are herein amended.
Claim 1 is herein cancelled. No new matter has been entered.

The specification has been amended for clarification. As is clear from Figure 1 and the description of the position and thickness of the electrodes in the specification (page 5, lines 8 to 13), and from Table 2 and the description of the thickness of the anode and the cathode (page 12, lines 15 to 20), the anode is the second polarizable electrode and the cathode is the first polarizable electrode.

Furthermore, referring to Table 2 and the description “the contact area between the polarizable electrode of the anode side and the separator and the contact area between the polarizable electrode of the cathode side and the separator have a relative ratio of 10:5 to 10:8” on page 12, lines 15 to 20, of the relative ratio of the contact area between the anode and the separator and the contact area between the cathode and the separator, it is clear that the contact area between the second polarizable electrode and the separator and the contact area between the first polarizable electrode and the separator have a relative ratio of 10:8 to 10:5.

The Examiner indicated that claims 2-4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to independent form. Claim 4 no longer depends on a rejected base claim and has been amended for clarification consistent with the specification.

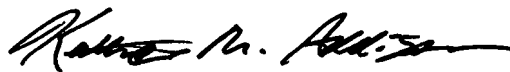
Applicants submit that that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

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If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned agent to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine N. Addison", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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